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Appl. No.: 09/824,395 Group Art Unit: 1651  
Filed: April 2, 2001 Examiner: D. Naff  
For: DEGRADABLE HETEROBIFUNCTIONAL  
POLY(ETHYLENE GLYCOL) ACRYLATES AND  
GELS AND CONJUGATES DERIVED THEREFROM

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 12, 2002, please enter the following amendments in the above-identified application:

In The Claims:

Please add the following new claims:

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26. A compound represented by the formula:



*Sandrine* where

*B* Z represents H or alkyl;

POLY and POLY' are poly(alkylene oxide) groups that can be the same or different and are represented by the formula  $-(\text{CH}_2\text{CHRO})_n\text{-CH}_2\text{CHR-}$  in which R is H or alkyl, and n ranges from about 10 to about 4000;

Q represents a functional group; and